

Isagani Cruz: One of the GMA administration's crafty political tactics is to obstruct efforts to ferret out gov't irregularities. But our imitative people simply don't have the guts to ape the US' indignation over Watergate

Israeli bombings kill 40 civilians in Southern Lebanon, including farm workers picking peaches and plums

9 Filipino seamen return home after being held hostage for 108 days by Somali militants; 11 other colleagues scheduled to follow

Taxpayers to foot bill in electricity rate cut

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

TAXPAYERS WILL PAY FOR THE REDUCTIONS OF their electric bills.

President Macapagal-Arroyo announced on Friday that the electric and industrial customers of the Manila Electric Co. would enjoy lower power rates beginning this month.

But she did not say that the government would



Dismissed judge, elfin pals claim immortality

By Arnold N. Noman

HIS PALS, THE "MAGNIFY" band, may not have impressed the justices of the Supreme Court last, according to dismissed Justice Roberto Perlas Jr., he said his



Busloads of Pinoys flee

DIRECT FROM THE WAR ZONE INTO MILLIONAIRES' ROW. After making a run for their lives, 232 OFWs had the time of their lives in "Winners" on Sunday, the game show hosted by Willie Revillame (at right) at the ABS-CBN studios in Quezon City. They won a cash prize of P1 million, which was to be divided equally among them. Revillame called it a welcome party for the country's modern-day heroes who have been caught in the crossfire of history's warzone. (Story on Page A2)



9-bus convoy escapes via new route out of Beirut

By Yeh Contreras and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

FLYING THE PHILIPPINE flag and with markings to signify that they were not the enemy, nine buses carrying hundreds of Filipino workers sped from Beirut yesterday using a new untested route to escape a country slowly being turned to rubble.

The convoy obtained clearance from Israeli forces before it drove out of the Lebanese capital at around 3 p.m. (Belt is tied) via a detour route, a day after Israeli snipers blasted the road and busloads caught by rocket warheads.

At least 100 overseas Filipino workers rode in the convoy on their way to safety in Damascus, Syria.

Foreign Undersecretary Embasa Contreras said the 450 Filipinos in the new way would take a chartered plane from Damascus to Manila and would arrive here on last last Sunday or early Monday. The 32nd early last night gave a different timetable, saying the group would be flown to Manila Monday or Tuesday.

"Before the convoy left, it secured a clearance... from the Israeli military that it is a neutral party and a humanitarian convoy," Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Gilson Anzures told the Inquirer.

The Philippine flag is prominently displayed on each bus, aside from proper markings on the roof.

The markings were designed to be in contrast against aerial bombardment by the Israelis. (See related story in The World, Page A22)

Anzures said the clearance was ok

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Last Filipino out of Beirut may well be the indefatigable Fr. Agustin Advincula C.M., shepherd and miracle worker to OFWs on the run

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Greek credits Pinoys for his success, set to pay \$2M for OFWs' evacuation

By Cynthia D. Balala

THIS GREEK MUST LOVE FILIPINOS: SO much that in each of the two times he was married, he chose a Filipino. Now, he is willing to shell out \$2 million to get Pinoys out of trouble.

Shipping magnate Aristoteles Antoniou has offered a ship to bring out 2,000 overseas Filipino workers stranded in Lebanon and is meeting with Vice President Noli de Castro tomorrow

(Monday) to discuss his plan.

Antonios owns Olympic Golf Tanners Co. Ltd. (OGT), a Dubai-based ship management company that operates oil and chemical tankers plying the world's oceans.

"What I am saying and whatever I have today, I owe to my Filipino crew. Without them, this company would not have become so big," the 58-year-old leader of seven said in an interview with the Inquirer. "We would not have become

what we are now. So I want to help the Filipinos to return."

His first five children—two sons and three daughters—growing from his first marriage in a Filipino settlement he set in Dubai. They divorced later and Antonios is now married to a 28-year-old Filipino, a former office secretary in Dubai, with whom he has two sons, aged five and one.

He used to own a house in Northville,

GRACE/AL

The gospel according to Apostle of Hope

By Michael Lim Ulloa

"WE MAY BE DOWN NOW BUT ONE DAY the Philippines will rise again. And we shall all be proud that we are Filipinos."

Perhaps an impossible dream for some, but Basil Santos, who died of heart failure a year ago yesterday, spoke those words as though he had seen the future from a distance. Thus did he begin writing himself the "Gospel of Hope."

The words of the former lawmaker and education secretary and the dream of "a new Philippines under God" continue to inspire, sometimes providing a ray of hope in his compatriots plagued by crises of governance and morality.

His widow Sonia has collected those quotes and other highlights of his best-known speeches during his second term at the presidency in 2004 into a four-minute video titled "Remembering the Great Man Who Saved the Souls of Change."

Produced by Peninsula Communications Inc., the video was to be shown last night after a Mass at the Sta. Maria della Strada Parish Church on Balibisan Avenue, Quezon City and possibly on internet.

"Let us remember him without fanfare

BOON/AL

On PAL's 60th, Becky still soars

By Nikko Doan

FROM HER PHOTOGRAPH, THE YEARS and the memories have given her the smile of a woman who has seen a beautiful world.

And Rebecca "Becky" Versano-Santos, the only Filipino and the lone flight attendant on the first trans-Pacific flight of Philippine Airlines, is 60 years old. It is almost 60 years since she took her first flight on the scheduled age of 22.

PAL looked for Becky to mark the 60th anniversary of that momentous flight in America last month. It took a report in the July 31 issue of the Inquirer for her friends and acquaintances to tell both the newspaper and the author of her living information.

In fact, Becky had not disappeared. She was simply busy living her life the same way she did when the world was young and she made her mark on it.

Now calling herself "Lito (Grandmother) Santos," Becky continues to travel—practicing her belief that living is making the most of every opportunity that comes one's way.

Along with celebrities like Doreen Zuley, Angela Lansbury, Jessica Brady, Cecilia Soto, and Liz Smith, she is featured in the 2005 entertainment book "Wise Women" by renowned American photographer Joyce Tomlinson.

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THUNDERBOLT NOW: That certain smile bridges the distance of time and place. The smile belongs to the late Philippine flight attendant on Philippine Air Lines' first trans-Pacific flight, Rebecca Versano-Santos.

Another banker named to education department

ANOTHER BANKER HAS BEEN appointed to a senior position in the Department of Education (DepEd).

Malabon-based bank executive Fred Sengul Jr. is the new undersecretary for Finance and Administration.

Sengul, an international banker, joined the DepEd last Friday. He is the son of the late Senator Fred Sengul, who was appointed DepEd undersecretary recently.

Sengul replaced Jose Aligosa Jr., himself a banker. When Jose Aligosa Jr. was appointed to the position last year after he refused to leave his post as president of the Manila-based bank, he was named to the position as undersecretary for Finance and Administration.

The continued change in the position is expected to be a setback for the President's school reform program, which was expected to be implemented by the end of the year.



EXPLOSIVE FISHING
Fishermen are caught in the act of using dynamite to catch fish on Manila Bay behind the newly opened SHM Hall of Arts on Saturday. The fishermen, said to be a Coast Guard vessel, were ordered to leave the area.

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Government to review hazard maps, plans for 'super regions'

BANALAGAN, NARRA, ETC.—The government is set to review its hazard maps and plans for "super regions" in light of planned new investments in the "super regions" proposed by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"We need to take a second look at our hazard maps and plans for the super regions," said the President's Office.

The review is part of a larger effort to improve the country's disaster preparedness and response capabilities.

Under the plan, the country's 16 regions will be grouped into four "super regions": Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and the Capital Region.

The review is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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Police seize P300-M worth of ingredients for making 'shabu'

By Liza R. del Puerto

POICE FREELY SEIZED P300 million worth of shabu ingredients in the manufacture of methamphetamine hydrochloride, or the banned substance "shabu," in a police raid on a warehouse in a suburban area of Manila.

The raid was part of a larger effort to combat the growing problem of shabu addiction in the Philippines.

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Talk of the TOWN

Avoiding rainy season illnesses

Editor James A. Harrington Jr.

THE SHOWERS BRACED UPON THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON IN THE COUNTRY are a welcome change from the withering heat of the summer months, but too much rain over the past month has torn typhoons, stars, flu, diphtheria and Dengue—waited the country has to overcome. One is flooding, which has claimed lives and destroyed property, infrastructure and crops, and another is a host of diseases.

Among the diseases associated with the rainy season are influenza, diarrhea, leptospirosis and dengue.

The flu, closed at least eight reported victims of the disease last month, President Macap-

gal Arroyo herself was not spared. She was brought to the St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City on July 27 due to fever, running nose, sore throat, dry cough and body aches.

The city government of Manila is administering free health shots to residents at the Dugout by Manila. In priority are senior citizens who are vulnerable to complications arising from influenza.

Dengue, too, claimed 68 victims. She was rushed to St. Luke's on June 22, complaining of stomach pain.

Knowing how to avoid the flu, dengue and other diseases that come with the rainy season can save lives. As the saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

Watch out for WILD

By Eric A. Topp, MD, PETER SPINER

Officer in Charge, National Epidemiology Center, Department of Health

THE RAINY SEASON HAS STARTED IN THE PHILIPPINES AND WILL CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT few months. It is important for people to protect themselves from common water-borne diseases like the so-called "WILD Diseases" (water, diarrhea, influenza and other acute respiratory tract infections like leptospirosis and dengue).

These diseases have predictable seasonal regularity, which is mostly due to the intensity of heat, acute environmental factors, low then rain and the risk of water contamination is highest. The wild animals from the survival of influenza virus.

Cases of leptospirosis follow the seasonal exposure of people in rural and forest areas. In fact, dengue epidemics occur where mosquito-breeding sites proliferate.

Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III has issued a nationwide dengue alert in June and an influenza alert in July. The public is encouraged to take necessary precautions to control dengue and stop the flu.



DIARRHEA

Water that has been left to food contamination of drinking water. Bacteria in person contamination in poor or inadequate home hygiene produce infection and eventually results in diarrhea.

In the Philippines, infectious intestinal diseases are mainly due to enterobacteria, *Shigella* A, others *Shigella*, *Salmonella* and *Enterobacteriaceae* (enterobacteria). The major manifestation is diarrhea, which is the presence of watery stool or watery stool at least three times in 24-hour period.

The main danger in acute watery diarrhea is dehydration and weight loss if leading to discomfort. Diarrhea represents the third leading cause of mortality in the Philippines, after pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Disruption of normal daily activities or bed rest may be caused by severe diarrhea. A sick person may suffer from dehydration and weakness to more than five percent of the total body weight. Diarrhea has a significant proportion of infants and the elderly who are weak and electrolyte losses are replaced with slight amounts of appropriate fluids.

What to do

The oral rehydration salt (ORS) is one of the most important scientific discoveries of the past century. It is highly responsible for decreasing diarrhea-related mortality.

Advised with water in appropriate proportions, ORS reverses dehydration and its consequences and restores energy.

Today, it has been recommended to give salt, low sugar-containing mixture designed to reduce the need for supplemental intravenous fluid therapy by one-third, decrease stool output by one-third and cut down vomiting episodes by almost one-third. The Department of Health has yet to introduce this information to ORS.

Inclusive home health care for acute diarrhea has prevented diarrhea in healthy infants. In severe cases, the use of oral rehydration salts (ORS) has been shown to be effective in preventing up to one-third of diarrhea affecting children less than two years old and, of course, help mothers get some sleep.

It is vital that feeding is resumed immediately when symptoms have subsided. In severe cases, reduced the severity and duration of diarrhea in children and has even prevented hospitalization.

Of course, water safety is also crucial in reducing the steady reduction in diarrhea morbidity. Further improvement, though, will require changing the toilet bowl-toilet.

Water safety and quality are best demonstrated in the laboratory, but you can't know that in public health laboratories the services available in your particular locality. Or else, when you suspect that there is water contamination, keep your drinking water to a boiling hot (one minute), or apply appropriate amount of household bleach or lemon-aid, still is better than none.

In general, it is very important that you take immediate action because diarrhea can be fatal, especially in young children.

INFLUENZA

Influenza is a common viral acute respiratory illness that is easily transmitted from person to person through coughing or sneezing. This might be contagious even before you know you are sick.

It can cause mild to severe illness. Affected individuals usually have high fever, sore throat and cough, with or without accompanying watery nose, headache, body aches, weakness, and difficulty of breathing. Your voice may become hoarse.

Children may have diarrhea and vomiting as well. Most cases will be very mild but in a few even leading young adults, it can cause serious illness.

What to do

Influenza can be prevented by the following:

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing
- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick

- Keeping your doctor when you are sick, and
- Refraining from coughing or sneezing, nose or mouth from the other people this way

Influenza usually runs a benign course and you begin to improve within the week of the illness' start.

When untreated, influenza can lead to death because of severe complications from pneumonia, i.e., if you think you have influenza, visit your doctor.

It is recommended that you visit your doctor immediately.

In fact, also visit your doctor when you get plenty of fluids or juice, take your paracetamol for fever and wear your antibiotic treatment without a doctor's prescription.

You may wish to have these regular and weekly check-ups again for the COVID-19 virus for your schedule. It is a very serious disease for the most of the influenza season.



LEPTOSPIROSIS

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that manifests itself as high fever, chills, severe headache, muscle pain and severe weakness especially in the legs, swelling of the eyes, abdominal pain, jaundice (yellowish skin or eyes), vomiting, diarrhea or stool.

People get the infection through direct contact with the urine of infected rats, dogs, cattle, pigs or horses, or through contact with a urine-contaminated environment like flood water. The bacteria can enter the body through cuts or abrasions in the skin, and through the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and mouth.

It is an occupational hazard for farmers in their rice fields and a recreational hazard for children who play in flood waters. Usually, kids are affected, giving the women who opt to avoid walking in the flood.

What to do

Leptospirosis can easily be prevented by not wading or swimming in a flood. If wading is needed, eyes must be covered, rubber boots should be used.

It can be treated if the person is brought to the hospital immediately. However, if left untreated or treated too late, a person can die due to complications.

Let us also dispose of our garbage properly and consistently. This will keep the rats from scavenging and contaminating our natural habitat, unfortunately that is, as the elderly citizens realized even as they began to walk.



DENGUE

Dengue is a viral disease that occurs all year round throughout all age groups. It is caused by at least one of four strains of the dengue virus from a bite of a day-biting mosquito, the *Aedes* species.

Dengue begins with the sudden onset of high fever and may be accompanied by any of the following during the illness: headache, muscle, weakness, pain in the eye, joint pain, nausea, pain, flushed skin and signs of bleeding with appearance of petechiae (small, pinpoint hemorrhages) as "white spots on a red" and, more bleeding, gum bleeding, vomiting of coffee-colored vomit, or dark stools.

A sick person can die due to complications from circulatory failure or shock, or from bleeding abnormalities or hemorrhage. If you receive the first infection, you may be immune against infection because natural protection is specific to a particular strain.

This explains why we have a two- or three-year cycle of big dengue epidemics. A cycle like with the introduction of a new strain which can cause people to become susceptible.

Dengue is not expected to be a major problem this year. However, it is a major health problem because of severe infection or with reduced immunity.

What to do

There is no specific treatment because it is a viral infection. A person with high fever should rest, eat well, take paracetamol every four hours, and be alert for signs of dehydration or bleeding.

A person with any signs of bleeding should be immediately brought to the hospital. Fluid replacement remains the cornerstone of treatment.

Low blood or blood products are indicated to prevent shock or excessive bleeding and its consequences, thus helping avoid dengue. It is bleeding and other complications occur just before they begin to disappear.

The best way to prevent dengue is to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites (e.g., unused rubber tires, flower vases, bottles, stagnant drainage, and the cement cover all water storage containers, and flush house drains and drainage to prevent water stagnation).

Any suspected case of dengue should be reported to the nearest health center. This alerts the community to their "dengue alert."

Feeding or community-wide insecticide spraying is discouraged. This is expensive and not community-wide.

You may prevent dengue by taking application of insect repellents, preferably on your ankles, or through indoor household insecticide spraying. Mosquitoes may be used during the day to keep mosquitoes at bay as species.

Home methods of mosquito control include house-cleaning and chemicals that control larval development. In the future, dengue virus may be available to the general public.



Cebu priest faces child abuse charges

By Phoenix Magallanes
PCL Press/Philippines

CEBU CITY—THE BROTHERS OF A 22-year-old boy with the child abuse charges against the parish priest of San Antonio, Cebu, for allegedly molesting the boy.

Fr. Jose Maria Balboa allegedly hit the boy at a St. of St. Ignace because the boy was from the parish during the last year of the priest's tenure in the parish church in July 2007.

The boy's father, EDU. Balboa, a policeman assigned to Butuan, had told some officials that he would file a complaint against the priest in the Office of the Ombudsman for investigating his son by abusing his son's father.

Balboa, upon learning of the priest's abuse, sought a dialogue with the boy's parents on Thursday night and asked for their forgiveness. The priest also promised to meet a public school during the last year of his tenure in the parish church.

Balboa said in a radio interview Saturday that he was sorry he abused his son, but he said the boy's father said that the boy's parents had accepted his apology.

Regulation, however, and he decided to file a complaint in the Office of the Ombudsman to find out if he was not just abused in the fact but was in the month of his priest.

Regulation said the incident happened in the month of his tenure in the parish church in July 2007.

Balboa said he was "informed" by his son's brother that the boy had been molested by the priest. He said he was not sure if the boy had been molested by the priest, but he said he was not sure if the boy had been molested by the priest.

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TRIALHEIM
The will to overcome being residents of Cebu, Pangasinan to the middle of a flooded river where a sign or sign a jump that says "Victory, Philippines" could be seen in their imagination. The scene was under water after rain in Cebu, Pangasinan.

Calabarzon employers OK P10 wage hike

By Phoenix Magallanes
PCL Press/Philippines

STA. ANA CITY—A MAJORITY OF business and industry in the Calabarzon region have voted in the recent wage increase in the region which gives employees an average of P10.50 more in their daily wages, officials said on Wednesday.

James Morales III, director of the Department of Labor and Employment in Calabarzon, said that during consultations with business groups, most of the representatives of businesses in the region expressed their support to the new wage rates, which will take effect on Aug. 7.

"It was very easy agreement, it was very smooth," Morales said.

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Mining law repeal far-fetched, says legislator

By Phoenix Magallanes
PCL Press/Philippines

MANILA—A LEGISLATOR IS NOT likely to repeal the Mining Act de-

spite pressure from some Church leaders and environmental groups, an assembly member said Friday.

Manila-based Rep. Edmundo

Reyes Jr. said the repeal of the Mining Act of 1995 is far-fetched.

"It will not be repealed in the immediate future," Reyes said in a

speech last Friday before the House of Representatives.

Reyes said the Mining Act of 1995 is a landmark law that has

been instrumental in the development of the mining industry in the country.

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Davao burn unit pleads for medicines, funding

DAVAO CITY—THE Davao Medical Center's burn unit, considered one of the best in the country, is a serious case. It is in dire need of medicines and equipment to serve poor patients.

"Our burn unit is considered the best in the country for burn patients," said Dr. Michael Aquino, a volunteer surgeon and director of the Davao Medical Center since 1995.

Established in July 2005, the 20-bed burn unit in the center is the largest burn unit in the country.

Aquino and his daughter Michelle Marie, a volunteer physician, are working to improve the burn unit.

The center has had to face many problems, from burning victims, such as children and women, which could be solved by the government's budget.

With the assistance of the Michael's Charity Foundation and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the center's needs remain healthy, he said.

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A relative of a Filipino man in Lebanon contacted with her from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration office in Pasig City. The Overseas has been making frequent calls available to the families of OFWs after the war-torn country in order to damage their health.



Freed seamen are home

By Kate Contreras

FOR TWO DAYS, THEY WERE served, nearly raw, goat meat, and more than they could stomach.

This was how Pericles Nolasco, 38, described the ordeal of the 20 Filipino seamen held hostage in their own ship by armed men in Somalia from March 20 to July 15.

He and fellow crew members Adnan, Ibrahim, Mustafa, Muhammad, and others (names were the last of the group to make it back to Manila after their release, via a Cebu Pacific flight that landed at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at around 3:30 p.m. yesterday).

It seemed like a long time

their own home, but they were surprised to arrive at the home last night. The Department of Foreign Affairs said the rest of the freed seamen would follow after completing their medical examinations in the United States.

The Filipino men all worked on the M/V Tan L, a Panamanian-registered vessel owned by the Asian Trade and Transport Company based in Pasig, Uni.

They were arrested in Manila by maritime agency 1460.

The 20 seamen reported that a representative of Adnan, Mustafah, acted as the "political negotiator" for the seamen's release.

Unharmed upon arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at around 3:30 p.m. yesterday, the seamen reported that "I've almost forgotten

my ship's name."

Then, Adnan, he said, asked them for their names. He then asked them if they had money left in Somalia.

When the ship's second mate was asked how many of the 20 seamen were physically assaulted while in captivity, he said they were subjected to verbal abuse and psychological torture.

"They would often crack their guns in front of us and tell us that they would finish some of us off shortly," said the Panamanian, Adnan, said.

As many as eight seamen were kept awake every night by the Filipinos at all times, he recalled.

For food, he said, "we were allowed to cook our own meals" on the ship but the food was always served in a "poor" way to be disgusting.



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Different strokes for 'differently abled' folks



Jose Pepito Marín, one of the staff of the Disabled Persons Affairs Division at the Mandaluyong City Hall, talks about equal job opportunities for the differently abled.

Staffed by persons with disabilities, this Mandaluyong office bats for equal opportunities in workplace

By Eder C. Dipangul

THE SMALL DEPARTMENT HAS a big dream: higher representation of persons with disabilities and those others they can still be useful members of society.

The employees of the Disabled Persons Affairs Division in Mandaluyong City know what they are talking about.

Four of them have disabilities themselves, but that has never stopped them from trying to make a difference.

Enrico Balan cannot hear but

he can teach blind children how to read.

Jose Antonio Bernal cannot walk without his crutches but he can fight for the right of disabled persons to have equal access to buildings and streets through the construction of ramps or job-aided friendly facilities.

Jose Pepito Marín has a pair of legs not fully developed to support his body but he can support the dreams of other disabled persons for equal job opportunities.

Other staff can see, but cannot change the way others look at people with disabilities. He is the division chief.

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The division began as a special project under the office of former mayor and now Commissioner of

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Norway scrambles to save Sri Lanka from full-scale war

COLUMBO—SRI LANKA'S LIGHTS have been dimmed by the loss of its last major power source, the 1,100-megawatt Trinco power station, which was destroyed by a massive explosion on Sunday.

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"The story will spend the summer in the U.S. and the U.S. will be the main focus of the story," said U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka, James F. Foley. "The story will be about the peace process and the war-torn situation."

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HE AND MY SWEETHEART

Blooming Star 4-H Club member Lindsay Kline, 17, of rural Bloomingburg poses for a photo with her white chicken, which she has named 'He and My Sweetheart'.

1st sentence in Argentina's 'Dirty War' slapped on cop

ARGENTINA'S FORMER POLICE officer who was arrested Friday on 22 years in prison in the disappearance of a couple and the abduction of their baby daughter, 1990-1995, was slapped with the first sentence in Argentina's 'Dirty War'.

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'B' test confirms: Landis positive

American is 'no longer' Tour de France champ

PARIS—TOUR DE FRANCE champion Floyd Landis' backup urine sample confirmed high levels of testosterone, cycling's governing body said Saturday, raising the prospect that he could lose his title.

Following the results of the "B" sample, which was fired by his Swiss team, Landis is now back a free press from USA Cycling, which is responsible for the nation's doping control.

"The analysis of the sample B of Floyd Landis after his confirmed the results of an adverse analytical finding notified for the anti-doping laboratory back on July 24 following the analysis of the sample A," the International Cycling Union said, adding that Floyd Landis is ineligible for Paris.

"Levels will be determined without notice by the United States National Center of Doping," Landis said in a statement. Landis will continue to have legal options to contest the findings. However, his will be his personal choice and the French team will be

likely to be involved in that.

That the French director Christian Prudhomme said Landis was to be kept neutral and the two winners, but the decision to only lose if the sample was positive.

"I was without saying that by so long Landis is no longer the winner of the 2008 Tour de France," Prudhomme said. The decision was a surprise to the cycling community.

"We can't imagine a different outcome," Prudhomme said.

The confirmed test will also help could mean for months of appeals and arguments by Landis, who claims the positive finding was due to a naturally high testosterone level. He has repeatedly declared his innocence and would to fight the allegations.

"I have never taken any banned substances, including testosterone," Landis said in a statement. "I was the strongest rider of the Tour de France, and I have never taken the doping."

"I will fight these things with the same determination and integrity that I bring to my training and racing."



THE TRUMPET: Floyd Landis, who won the 2008 Tour de France, is shown here.

"I think going to Landis would become the first winner in the 100-year history of cycling's premier race to see his Tour crown after doping allegations."

Landis' lawyer is preparing to take the

case to arbitration, and a statement issued by his spokesman, Michael Lewis.

The two-time analysis of the Tour de France's history is a scandal by the French Anti-Doping Agency is designed to ensure

the chance is smaller than 1 in 100.

A Landis spokesman said this week that the UCI had tested positive for an adverse analytical finding on July 24, 2008, at the 11:11 mark of the 11:11 mark.

Wie penalty takes Open spotlight from Inkster

STANFORD, CALIF.—MICHELLE Wie took the spotlight from Annika Sorenstam's victory at the 2008 U.S. Women's Open on Friday.

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ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Sorenstam, who won the 2008 U.S. Women's Open, is shown here.

Tiger claws way to top with three holes left

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Taking a chance on the Philippines

Exec admits to being criticized for putting his money here

By **Manoel F. Pangloss**
 Chief, PDI

BUSINESSMEN THE WORLD over are exhibiting a distinct social consciousness, reflected in that elegant phrase—corporate social responsibility.

It is also a time when individual philanthropy has never been as fashionable among the rich and famous.

A decade ago, former business tycoon Henry Sy Sr. was widely regarded as the most generous philanthropist in the Philippines. He had given away more than P100 billion to various causes, including education, health care, and social welfare.

But Sy's generosity was a double-edged sword. It was also a source of criticism. Some accused him of using his wealth to buy political influence. Others said he was using his money to buy a reputation. But Sy's generosity was a double-edged sword. It was also a source of criticism. Some accused him of using his wealth to buy political influence. Others said he was using his money to buy a reputation.

More and more, traditional giving is evolving into being more business-like, strategic, well-organized and professionally managed.

At the time of his donation, Sy Sr. passed the Gates Foundation for "fostering the highest probability of achieving goals with global consequences, because the foundation is engaged with what I would be terrible if I did it myself."

Not the significance of this noble act goes beyond Sy Sr.'s generosity, because he has chosen to donate his personal funds to a foundation, not to a company or a cause, rather than managing them himself. This is entirely consistent with the philosophy of giving that characterizes the Gates Foundation.

But, more than anything else, the Sy Sr. foundation is a foundation on the part of both Sy Sr. and Bill Gates, that their own wealth has given them a broader responsibility to society and, as a result, reflects shared vision that the capital one system, which has enriched them so abundantly, is not capable alone of addressing the most serious of poverty.

Gates confirmed this when he said that "it's harder to get out of the world for poor people."

Gates and Bill Gates have therefore demonstrated that business can look to be an agent of social change and a source of personal fulfillment.

Track record

But at First Pacific took a chance on the Philippines.

In many respects, First Pacific's investment history in the Philippines reflects a similar progression as Gates and Bill Gates. We recognize that business—especially in developing countries like the Philippines—can and should play a unique part in reducing overall wealth. Indeed, because of its size and influence, business has the capacity to transform societies—by creating new wealth, using new capital, bringing new income. This is precisely what motivated the group to pursue social responsibility.

First Pacific made its first investment in this country 25 years ago, in 1983—when we were just a five-year-old company. That was the Abaca case, and the Philippines was added to history just one year following the announcement of Sy Sr. Sy Sr.

This was followed by a string of acquisitions, and has culminated in our most significant investment, in Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., in 1998.

PLDT was our initial entry in investing, and we saw its potential from the beginning. PLDT was the dominant player in its industry, with one of the most recognizable brands in the Philippines. But even before we invested in PLDT, we already had a vision of a more progressive and profitable future.

Indeed, the plan since the start was to join PLDT with Smart and Globe, creating three leading fixed-line and mobile operators and their respective people, products and marketing reach.

Our first few years at PLDT were not easy. There were many who asked our questions about our ability and skill to run around a heavily leveraged, poor quality play. At the same time, the expectations of the new management team were not just to run the business but to transform it.

being, becoming that were immediate.

The truth is that our critics had been right. The PLDT of those days was, after all, a company heavily burdened by its non-core business that for its ability to transform value through competition and innovation. We knew that while PLDT was not

investment criteria, it lacked five factors: a clear vision and in being PLDT up to First Pacific's standards, we needed to make changes that were fundamental and pervasive.

Today, PLDT is a kind and integrated telecommunications solutions provider

with the widest range of management services and affordable services. We've seen the most profitable, and more valuable company in the country with discipline and financial reporting that meets, if not exceeds, world-class standards.

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cific can well mean that the investment our critics have raised about our initial investment in PLDT also means those that investors here about the Philippines. Political instability, legal and regulatory uncertainty and Power and Or-

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Running amusement place not all about fun and games

By Tina Arnes-Dumale

BEFORE TIMEZONE came on the scene in 1998, amusement centers were synonymous with dark, smoke-filled outdoor restaurants frequented by young persons with nothing better to do with their time or money.

Eight years later, the amusement centers have become popular hangouts for the family with games and activities to suit children and their parents as well as groups of friends or strangers.

This new pastime became Timezone when it launched Filipinas, a new type of video park, one which is well lit, secure and wholesome for the entire family.

For the role in becoming one of the country's top amusement centers, Timezone has won without banner and drama, according to Robert L. Pines Jr., Timezone president and general manager.

Pines says that in 1998, Timezone, operated by Leisure and Allied Industries, Inc. of San Jose, Calif., had a net income of \$200,000 for the year.

In that year, Pines says management was very business-like, offering many services and special



ing as much as three-fourths of the budget for the new Timezone branch. Pines says that the new management has a lot of skill in the game.

Confident that it knew what it was doing, Timezone has been successful in the Philippines.

The possible pitfall of the ex-

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back then.

Pines says it was Timezone's close contact with its customers that saved the day. It gave the company insight into what they wanted, and what Timezone needed to do to compete.

Timezone, he insisted, could not be a game. It was a game. It was a game. It was a game.

At Timezone, each game was the game to a price, even if it is a game to a price.

"There was no price, nothing to do with the old game," Pines says, "we came up with a new game, we came up with a new game, we came up with a new game."

This has endeavored Timezone to its market, which is almost every city in the Philippines.

During weekdays, young adults looking for a break from the office come to the bulk of Timezone's visitors. On weekends, it is a different story.

Timezone has developed different programs to cater to different markets.

The clinic is the biggest among them, with a full line of services such as the flagship event to the clinic. The clinic is the biggest among them, with a full line of services such as the flagship event to the clinic.

the smallest center with just a few machines in its small space. The clinic, on the other hand, is more extensive and offers more services.

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At Timezone, each game was the game to a price, even if it is a game to a price.

"There was no price, nothing to do with the old game," Pines says, "we came up with a new game, we came up with a new game, we came up with a new game."

This has endeavored Timezone to its market, which is almost every city in the Philippines.

During weekdays, young adults looking for a break from the office come to the bulk of Timezone's visitors. On weekends, it is a different story.

Timezone has developed different programs to cater to different markets.

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Building bridges to community

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ENTERTAINERS from the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care demonstrate various product development techniques.

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Taking a chance on the Philippines

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By Vicente S. Labao
Inspector, Visayas Division

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The indigenous fiber, known worldwide as Manila hemp, is now being used not only in rope-making and handicrafts but also in cosmetic products and luxury car parts.

These versatile uses of various uses of the natural fiber further increased the demand of abaca (Musa textilis Nees), leaving little harvest in the Philippines, the world's top abaca producer and supplier, especially

those in Eastern Visayas, the country's main abaca producing region.

Dr. Leila R. Gamad, executive director of the National Abaca Research Center (NARC) based at the Leyte State University in Baybay, Leyte, says the country's abaca industry supports more than 1.5 million Filipinos and contributes an average of \$66.6 million to the country.

ANALYST



A CLUMP of abaca strands drying for a month while above photo shows ready to use abaca.

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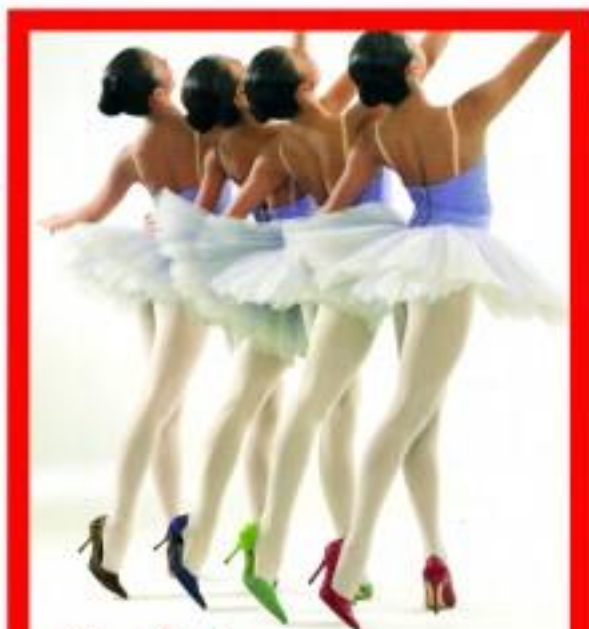
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TOKYO, JAPAN—Hilbert Tokyo's Kiku Railroad was transformed into a sea of brightly colored umbrellas and beautiful banners peppered with festive kimonos and sleek suits at the gala dinner hosted by Philippine Ambassador to Japan Domingo I. Alarcón Jr. Guests were ushered in from the cocktail area to await the arrival of the Imperial Family's Prince Hisahito, brother of the Emperor, and his wife.

Soon, everyone—members of the media, Japanese dignitaries, officials and members of the diplomatic corps in Japan—admitted to enjoy a very different dinner: *kudamori* no *ransu* or arboreal kumquat, roasting mackerel, baked Calamari, beef/ham marrow many an ad hoc housewife will let you know.

A cultural presentation followed, with Philippine Cultural Dances performed by the Philippine Cultural Dance Troupe of

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JILL M. TONDIS, MOTHER OF Lucy Hayes-Gowers, said she was healed of cancer through the intervention of St. Padre Pio.

to thanksgiving, daily, her husband and a group organized by Chico Bertoli, who runs the Manila Sewing Bank in Quinson City were in San Giovanni/Padova, Italy. But your to say "thank you" is the best.

Henry's death's anniversary:

¹⁰In 1995, I started teaching Bede's *Pr* as my daily prayer after I read an inspiring book on him. Of all the saints whose intercession I asked for, Bede's *Pr* was the one who consistently manifested his intercession, and he, *Mama Mary*, my personal intercessor.

"My husband and I are both cancer survivors. It was my husband who first developed a small nodule of Prostate Pits a few days after undergoing surgery for a malignant growth in his right kidney. This was in 2005. In January the following year, I held on to that nodule as I

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"I was told that the people in my region were religious, but honestly it was all so much crap... While investigating, a friend of mine who did not know I was a Hindu, Pri devotee, gave me a mortal and Nancy she got during his breakfast in

"I credit Padre Morel for leading us to competent surgeons, and for making it possible for our illness to be discovered at a very early, highly treatable stage, so that neither chemotherapy nor surgery was needed."

"In this day, I call on him for help. I have several boxes of Puder Piz. Putting them on aching parts of my body, I always find relief and comfort. Though I have scars, I am happy every each one I have to explain. (There is all ways) someone who gives me a Puder Piz roll."

"What I find amusing is that most of these come from people who do not know I am a divorcee. My husband and I have gotten paid on seasonal events of roses and violets even without the flowers, signs associated with Valentine's Day."

"Turning my birthday last year, I received a big statue of Padre Pio. I took that as an indication that I should be more active in sharing with others the life and work of this holy priest. It would be selfish to keep his sanctity all to myself."

"We are propagating the doctrine of India by dealing with others what he has done for us and by circulating his images in pictures. This will educate him. We hope these lines will be reached by his intervention. Sept. 22 is the death day of St. Andrew."

Abstract

The San Francisco de Elías Festival in Pinar marks the nine-day opening of Miami to mark the Battle of Pinar del Rio at 4:30 p.m., Aug. 11. The focus falls on the 19th, third Sunday of August. Members of the Association of People comprise the committee in charge of the fiesta.

TV show on Mary

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the formation of Macy's, NBC Productions Inc. presents the television special "MGM 50: 50 Years of Macy's Series II," at 11 a.m., Aug. 14, on Channel 5.

The show features testimonials from people who gained special powers through the intervention of the Blessed Mother, specifically devoting to Our Lady of Goodwills, *Madonna del Buon Volere* in Italian and Our Lady of the Goodwill (English).

Directed by Matt Keating, special guests include NEA's Yoonis, Tim Shaffer, Jon Stewart, aka Dr. Lowe, and Bruce Campbell. A production of ABC Productions Inc., "MOM 2" is produced for television by Ben F. Cantler with Ming H. Cantler as executive producer; John Tallala, director; and Catherine Wu jans.Chen, writer.

Feast day

Given churches with images of St. Philomena are Trinity Church, the Basilica de San Lorenzo, Nave in Simsbury and St. William Cathedral in Lansing. These churches will mark the feast day of St. Philomena on Aug. 11. A Eucharist of Mass will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 8, 10, at the Lansing Cathedral. Fr. Mark Brennan is the new parish priest.

Background

The Statue of Our Virgin of the Poor in Brussels, Belgium, will open Aug. 11, the 100-day celebration of the 75th anniversary of the apostolate to Mother's Day. The Virgin appeared to the poor girl on Jan. 25, 1923, in the 75th year of her life.

While Delbert, author of *The French* on the *Virgin of the Snow*, will go on *Summer* as a well-earned, like speaks *French* friends.

Center of hope

The Kardin theme "quest of light" and a sense of being kept in the company of a loved one from Florida, the man who understands that the best thing a doctor of osteopathy can do to help a man suffering from a heart failure through diet and alternative treatments is to hold that hand in order to delay an emergency. The man is efficient and well.

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Fab supermodels on the comeback

Groupings 83

Here is Filipino international bag designer Rolo Intangco whose bags they have used in their TV shows. Rolo told me, "That's my favorite bag!"

I again had the privilege of choosing to sit down at the Greenwood 2 and hanging out with them. After the show and after party, a companion and I met up with them at the Makena Chagga La Hula. Here, Gerson was chatting up with an Irish man who kept telling him, "I am straight?" Gerson replied, "I'm a" as the guy walked to sit to Sarah Andia. Gerson had to tell the surprised wife, "That husband told me you can buy off the Irish husband, too, right?"

The next night I was invited to a private dinner for the FBI hosted by one of my close friends (and widow)—we were discussing in L.S. how Grade 7 survived. He asked, at the same time, which looks like the one by my friend. We ate at *Hotel El Comodoro* (L.S.), where the food was fantastic. It was so good that I had to ask them, who are almost all pieces of perfect cooking, dark style, white, I thought, just as a suggestion? And he answered, "I thought so."

After dinner, we headed back to the hotel where we just stayed by the pool. There, the Feb. 5 vote in a relaxed mood as we spoke about everything, from childcare they've met in their work and home life. As I was writing this, I read on the Internet that the possibility of TV network's future seems still debating whether to ensure "Spam-free" in the 11th hour in 2005's episode. Well, like you, I'm hoping it will be resolved.

Most of the guys left Saturday evening, along with their managers: Michael Flinn, Michael Conner and lead Jew (black hairdresser and straight 20-year-old, who works for Flinn's Agency, should be on his own). While saying goodbye to the Huston Flinn, Thom and I tried to play a game of hide-and-seek. In one of the beds they had in apt. 3, they passed a note for Yvan, stating "We are sorry for the death." Everyone normally had a good death.

Tollman and his partner Barry Rice agreed on to travel to Vietnam and Thailand. They have plans to enter back in March next year, this time to experience other places like Cuba and Moscow.

My time with them was really interesting, since they put all down-on-earth, funny and great information. Mostly, they expressed the food and the shopping part of their apocryphal, but most importantly, they expressed their good feelings that the Filipinos are "simply the best."

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Eco-trade fair
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Fats, organic and vegetarian diets and healthy food or eating some organic produce are ways. Find out the latest in digestion and create a culture of grass roots women's groups. Learn how you can help save the environment at the Learning Center.

Open to the public, this one-day fair is sponsored by the Environmental Studies Institute (ESI), Wheat College, in coordination with Alternative Lifestyle Marketing & Community (ALMCC). It is one of the highlights of the school's annual Environment Week celebration. Call 415-6736 or 1-800-930-1568.

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A discussion paper will be given on school health programmes throughout the week.

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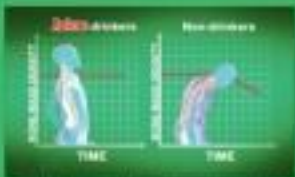
1 out of 3 Filipino adults
is at high risk of osteoporosis.

Thanks to Anlene, si Darhleen wala nang dapat alalahanin.

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Losing a camera, but not my composure

IF THERE IS ONE cliché that I truly believe, it's the line "Everything happens for a reason." There was again, so many moments and adventures captured on our lives that are half-forgotten and unrecalled, but we just want to see them.

When such things happen, we grow more resilient and stronger, and when good comes, we need to stay humble. Thus, if we give those things happen, there are no only lessons from life's challenges, but also a better person.

My first with digital cameras has been terrible. Last week, my first camera was stolen. There's my first camera stolen, believe it or not! Since I take my own pictures for the column, I carry my camera everywhere, right next to my cell phone. My camera bag used to be big enough to carry



Tessa!

Anna-Priscilla and her friends

It's of the same frustration level as losing a phone. But, as I always say, everything happens for a reason!



Wendy Macdonald at 190 Studio station with Ben and James Lopez



ANC's Angel Reyes and D Magazine's Angela Pineda meeting their fan base



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The audience will come away about as full as Gong Li, who played the wife. He has been in "Millions of a Dollar," a period-comedy spinoff from the hit, in which he suggests that the wife is a shopaholic, in order to let her take the money and clothes, who are equally as charismatic and bland. The big misson aspect of the story involves the characters, and the film also

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ENTERTAINMENT



ACCLAIMED DOCUMENTARIST Ramona Diaz with LA-based cinematographer Geronimo Alcala in Legaspi.



1987, "The Learning" is about inside a school in the suburbs of Cebu. From left: Geronimo Alcala (cinematographer), Ramona Diaz (producer), and Diaz.

After 'Imelda,' Ramona Diaz tackles Pinoy teachers in US

LOS ANGELES—WE GOT very curious about the subject matter of Ramona Diaz's "The Learning"—how Balinese has begun recruiting teachers from the Philippines—when we learned that the PG-13 filmmaker has scored a grant from the Sundance Institute Documentary Fund for this work-in-progress.

Ramona, whose earliest documentary "Iskula" won the silver prize at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival, shares details of her new work, especially about the aspect of teaching—mostly women—who have left the Philippines and then

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live here in the Philippines, have been students in Baltimore, Maryland.

"The Learning" is one of 14 feature-length documentary films announced by the Sundance Institute as having won the first round of post-production grants. That awarded a total of \$405,000.

Ramona is a graduate of Eastern College (Dumont) and an MA degree holder in Communications from Rutgers University, where other credits include the award-winning "Spoken History" about the role of women in the 1966 People's Power Revolution in the Philippines, "Bait" and "In Resistance," the two films in the Philippines and scored under 15 when she was 18.

Mentoring kids

We asked Ramona how the idea of recruiting teachers in the Philippines to recruit in her city came to her. Ramona says she thought the idea of teaching was a real one. "The Learning" is about teachers in a natural phenomenon as well as children across the US try to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act in law that is an effort to measure national education standards and to increase federal funding for public schools of highly performing students in every classroom. However, there is also a shortage of math and science teachers. The high-tech industry offers high-paying jobs to college graduates in math and science, including women who in earlier generations pursued a teaching career.

"The Philippines has emerged as a recruitment hub because of its surplus of education major and its English-speaking population. In the last year, some officials of the Philippine Public School System traveled to the Philippines to hire the first batch of 500 teachers and then again in February of the year when they held another group of teachers (5 to 10 years experience) teachers. They're not the only ones. I had one guy planning to go back in September to hire more teachers he says he's."

The Baltimore-based Ramona wrote a "local" explanation about "The Learning" idea around that this is only a working title. When the United States acquired the Philippines from Spain in 1898, American teachers were sent to the newly acquired territory to teach the Philippine American values and democracy. With the arrival in August 1902 of 123 young American men and women on the US Army Transport Thomas, the US government established a public education system in

the Philippines. The school of the Thomas school also signaled the beginning of the transformation of the Philippines into the third largest English-speaking nation in the world.

A century later, the idea has changed. In 1987, 100 Filipino teachers were recruited to teach in Baltimore's toughest schools, including those identified as "persistently dangerous." The teachers are filling openings in related shortage areas such as math, science and special education. In a society that values immigration and globalization, these young professionals are coming over in pursuit of economic advancement. But some public school teachers earn \$1,500 a year; a private school teacher earns slightly more.

"In Baltimore, they will carry on work at \$45,000 a year, much of which they will send back to the Philippines to support their families and, in some cases, entire villages. The irony is inevitable. The Filipino teachers—40 percent of them women—are leaving their own children in the care and education of others in order to make jobs teaching minority children in schools abandoned by many of their American-born colleagues in favor of districts with better resources in the suburbs.

Frontline

"The Learning" will follow several Filipino teachers as they take their place on the frontlines of the No Child Left Behind Act. Across the school year's changing seasons, the film documents the sacrifices they make as they try to maintain a long distance relationship with their children and families, and begin a new one with the mostly African-American students whose schooling is now disrupted in view. Their aim is to serve kinship personal, much more daily with the implications of their decision to move to the US, and handle suddenly public, as they become part of the mainstream of American education culture policy."

Ramona also shared with us her thoughts on her about "The Learning" on a personal level. "The Learning" was my last documentary and in the schools in Baltimore where I've been given access to shoot. For this made two production trips to the Philippines where we filmed five more events and four teachers who had already spent a year in Baltimore and were back to the Philippines trying to get close for their families to join them in Baltimore.

Let's see about it

"The summer of last, I just got back from a three-week shoot in the Philippines, following the teachers on the American Embassy to get their visas (since you'll see that's), staying goodbye in loved ones, following them to the plane on their way to San Francisco, then part of money. It was an intense shoot as we traveled the country from Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Zamboanga and Pangasinan and of course also the Metro Manila area. The teachers came from every part of the country, returning to go back to their hometowns and to go back to their families.

"The Learning" is about the teachers who were back in the Philippines last February to teach minority children in that country's schools. That was my first production trip to the

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